



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Appl. No. : 10/541,262 Confirmation No. 6616

Applicant : Pierre Barberis et al.

Filed : June 30, 2005

For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A SEMI-FINISHED
PRODUCT MADE OF ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF A FLAT PRODUCT AND USE THEREOF

TC/A.U. : 4116

Examiner : Mark L. Shevin

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 13, 2007, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following: